

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on January 6, 2005 at 9:00 P.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch
Annie Glover, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 61, 1/3/2005; SB 135, 1/3/2005
Executive Action:

00:01:49

HEARING ON SB 135

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 135, Revise penalty for false filing of annual statement.

00:06:14

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Patrick Driscoll, State Auditors Office

Mr. Don Allen, Lobbyist, Montana Association of Insurance Providers

Mr. Roger McGlenn, Insurance Agents of Montana

Ms. Tanya Ask, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus04a01)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

00:13:37

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:59

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:27

HEARING ON SB 61

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 61, Legislative liaison to state fund board of directors.

00:30:58

Proponents' Testimony:

Ms. Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association

Opponents' Testimony:

None

00:32:26

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Matthew Cohn, Montana State Fund

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus04a02)

00:37:41

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:33

Closing by Sponsor:

Break

00:59:14

Presentation on Liquor Licensing

Mr. Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue

01:07:00

Neil Peterson Department of Revenue

[EXHIBIT](#) (bus04a03)

Introductions from the Department of Revenue:

Mr. Lee Baerlocher, Mr. Jason Wood, Mr. Mickey Carlson, Mr. Gene Huntington

01:18:52

Presentation on Quota system

Mr. Neil Peterson, Department of Revenue

02:06:41

Questions from the committee:

02:16:13

Presentation on Gaming

Mr. Gene Huntington, Department of Revenue

02:18:11

Questions from the committee:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:25 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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